REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005. The Office Action reports that claims 16-20 and 26-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment, claim 10 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claim 16, while claim 21 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claims 22-26. Dependent claims 17-20 have been amended to depend from now allowable claim 10, while claims 27-29 have been amended to depend from now allowable claim 21. Claims 1-8, 16 and 22-26 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. Favorable action upon the pending claims is solicited.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also submitted herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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